

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1 and 3-5 are all the claims pending in the application.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 2, claims 1-5 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent 6,379,859. Further, on page 3 of the Office Action, in paragraph 3, claims 1-5 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17-19 of copending Application No. 10/084,204.

In response, Applicants submit that U.S. Patent 6,379,859 and copending Application No. 10/084,204 neither teach nor suggest the naphthoquinonediazide ester of Formula (II) of the present invention. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been overcome, and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Anticipation Rejection

On page 4 of the Office Action, in paragraph 5, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Suzuki et al.

In response, Applicants submit that nothing in Suzuki, including Example 9 as cited by the Examiner, teaches or suggests the compound of Formula (II), a linear pentanuclear

compound. Further, Example 9 of Suzuki does not use component (C) of the present invention. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present invention is not anticipated by (or obvious over) Suzuki, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Obviousness Rejections

On page 5 of the Office Action, in paragraph 7, claims 1, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawata et al in view of Uetani et al '657. Further, on page 6 of the Office Action, in paragraph 8, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being Kawata et al in view of Momota et al further in view of Uetani et al '657.

In response, Applicants submit that nothing in Kawata, Uetani, and Momota teaches or suggests a photosensitizer of a naphthoquinonediazide ester of Formula (II) of the present invention.

Further, while Momota discloses a naphthoquinonediazide ester of a linear pentanuclear compound, Momota's pentanuclear compound has two hydroxyl groups in the end benzene rings. Therefore, it clearly differs from that of the present invention.

Thus, Applicants submit that the present invention is not obvious over the cited art combinations. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

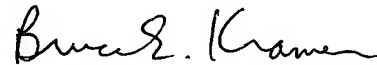
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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